

COMMITTEE O.K'S FARM PAY

Welles Confers With Mussolini for Hour Monday

American to Berlin Next on His Peace Mission

FINNS GIVE WAY

Russians Capture Powerful Kovisto Fortress

ROME, Italy — (P)—Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles spent an hour with Premier Mussolini Monday going over European problems which Welles came to investigate for President Roosevelt.

The length of their conversation, as well as the hour and a quarter which the American envoy spent during the morning with Foreign Minister Count Ciano, heightened diplomatic interest in the European trip, which is to include visits to Berlin, Paris and London.

Finn Give Ground
HELSINKI, Finland—(P)—The Finnish high command Monday acknowledged that Finland had surrendered to the invading Russians the strategic islands of Kovisto, armed with great coastal batteries and anchoring the western end of the Mannerheim line.

The islands, situated off the town of Kovisto, 20 miles of Viipuri, lie in the Gulf of Finland near the entrance to Viipuri bay.

(Possession of the islands presumably gives the Russians a new advantage in their drive on Viipuri, normally Finland's third largest city, by silencing the attack from the sea as well as the land.)

The Russian land forces had already driven on the isthmus (scattered up to 7 1/2 miles from Viipuri, according to the Finns own admission,

British Statement
LONDON, Eng.—(P)—The government Monday charged 128 instances of attacks by German aircraft on "unarmed British merchant ships and fishing vessels" from the start of the war up to February 22.

Richard Butler, undersecretary for foreign affairs, gave the figures in answer to a question in the House of Commons whether such attacks are "a breach of Herr Hitler's understanding to President Roosevelt that the German air force would not bomb civilians."

Butler said the facts are "too well known to require an answer."

Reds Report Gains
MOSCOW—(P)—The Soviet army reported Monday it had broken through Finnish fortified zones and captured 28 of the Finns defensive fortifications despite repeated counter-attacks by Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim's troops. The Russians said the enemy suffered heavy losses in the fighting. Ten Finnish airplanes were reported brought down in air battles. The

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Highway 24 Closed to Heavy Traffic

Bridge Being Repaired On Prescott-Chidester Road

The district highway office at Hope announced Monday that Highway 24 from Prescott to Chidester will be closed to heavy traffic for the next 10 days for repair of a bridge.

Passenger cars will be permitted to travel the road, but no trucks.

Officials suggested that traffic be routed by way of Rosston. Traffic from Prescott can be routed by Highway 19.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

Cities of the World Unless you have a map of the world handy, this test may not be as easy as it looks. You'd better not get out a map until after you've tried your hand at the following problems. From the series that follows the name of each American city, pick out that foreign metropolis which is closest to the latitudinal line on which the American city is located:

1. New York: (a) Vienna, (b) Naples, (c) Warsaw, (d) London.
2. New Orleans: (a) Rome, (b) Madrid, (c) Stockholm, (d) Cario.
3. Seattle: (a) Copenhagen, (b) Paris, (c) Moscow, (d) Jerusalem.
4. San Francisco: (a) Athens, (b) Hong Kong, (c) Budapest (d) Oslo.
5. Denver: (a) Rehli, (b) Cannes, (c) Peking, (d) Melbourne. Answers on Page Two.

Finnish Relief Fund Is Hiked to \$123.50
Additional donations here Monday sent the Finnish relief fund to \$123.50. Previously reported \$113.50.
Mrs. Nora Chrigan 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. S. McDavitt 5.00
Total \$123.50

District Junior Title to Patmos

Defeats Guernsey 29 to 5 for District Championship

MAGNOLIA, Ark.—The Patmos junior boys waded through a field of 14 teams to win the district 10 junior basketball tournament here Saturday night. The Patmos boys defeated Guernsey 29 to 5 in the final game.

Teams represented included, besides the finalists, Bright Star, Magnolia, Central, Village, Calhoun, Taylor, Walkerville, Stamps, Kirby, York's Chapel, Milner and McNeil.

Officials and coaches picked an all-district team which was composed of Muyton, Patmos, and Calhoun, Guernsey, forwards; Manness, Magnolia, center, and Whitworth, Bright Star, and Ray Kirby, guards.

County Will Have 11 Demo Delegates

Record Number Will Be Named at State Convention

LITTLE ROCK—(P)—The democratic state committee at its meeting here March 15 will announce apportionment of 705 delegates to the next state convention, Secretary Beloit Taylor announced.

He said the number of delegates to be selected by the various democratic county committees this year on the basis of the March 15 apportionment would be the largest in the state's history. A total of 595 delegates was selected in 1938.

The counties are allotted one delegate for each 400 votes or fraction thereof cast in the 1938 democratic primary.

The number of delegates to be apportioned to the various counties this year includes:

Clark 5, Columbia 7, Hempstead 11, Fayette 7, Lafayette 4, Little River 6, Miller 15, Nevada 7, Pike 5, Polk 6, and Sevier 5.

Sales Tax Law Is Attacked By Suit

Supply Firm Seeks to Avoid Payment on Mail Orders

LITTLE ROCK—(P)—Validity of a 1939 act by which the legislature continued in effect indefinitely the Arkansas two per cent retail sales tax law is under attack in Pulaski county court by a Little Rock mill supplies dealer seeking to avoid payment of the levy on mail orders.

The suit was filed by Hollis and company against Revenue Commissioner Z. M. McCarron, asking an injunction against collection of \$2665.73 in sales tax on merchandise for which the company took orders but which was shipped direct to purchasers by sellers in interstate commerce.

One section of the complaint charged that the legislature last year, in continuing effectiveness of the sales tax by amendment of a 1937 law, had violated a constitutional prohibition against reviving or extending a law by reference to its title only.

The 1937 sales tax act would have expired July 1, 1939. The 1939 legislature, after unsuccessful attempts to write a new sales tax law, continued the 1937 measure by the simple expedient of repealing that section which provided for its termination on a specific date. The question whether this action was constitutional has not been passed upon by the courts. If the court sustained the Hollis and company contention, the present sales tax law would be inoperative.

Bee experts are attempting to develop a new breed of bees who will have high resistance to disease, will produce great amounts of honey and will have lost their instinct to swarm.

COTTON

NEW YORK — May cotton opened at 10.90 and closed at 10.91-33. Middling spot cotton at 11.33.

Answers on Page Two.

Big Crowd Urged for Hope-Prescott Tilt at 7:45 p. m.

Conference Champs in Action Here for Last Time

BAND TO PERFORM

Bobcats to Be Honored With Loyalty Night Program

The Hope High School basketball team, 1940 champions of the Arkansas high school conference, will be seen in action for the last time here Monday night.

The occasion has been designated as a homecoming event, victory celebration and loyalty night in which the high school band will furnish varied entertainment.

Officials appealed to all loyal supporters of the team to turn out in large numbers to honor the Bobcats who finished their conference schedule last week with a brilliant record of 10 victories and two defeats.

Two basketball games are scheduled between Hope and Prescott teams, the juniors of each school meeting in a preliminary contest at 6:45 and the seniors at 7:45 o'clock.

Battle Is Promised

Both Hope and Prescott have their best basketball teams in history, the Wolves having a record of 29 victories against four defeats.

The Bobcats, after winning the conference title, whipped the Beebe Badgers last week, considered by many basketball fans as one of Arkansas' top teams.

Strength of the Prescott team is shown by a previous battle between Hope and Prescott in which the Bobcats nosed out the Wolves by two points.

Funds Badly Needed

Although the Bobcats have been victorious on the floor, support of the team has been lagging, possibly due to weather conditions at times.

At least a \$75 house is needed Monday night to enable the Bobcats to participate in the district and state tournaments, only a few days away. The district 10 tournament starts Friday at Magnolia and the state tournament will be held at Jonesboro March 8-9.

Coach Foy Hammons announced that Leslie Speck, former coach at Arkansas State, Jonesboro, would officiate. The admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

It will be the last chance to see the conference champs perform on their home floor.

Patmos Team Is County Champion

Senior Boys Team Defeats Blevins, 38-28, for Title

(Picture on Page Four)

Patmos High School basketball team defeated Blevins, 38 to 28, to win the Hempstead county senior boys championship at Blevins Saturday night.

A. B. Wetherington, superintendent of the Blevins schools, reported the tournament was the most successful in recent years.

Following the championship game, trophies were awarded to Patmos, the winner, and to Blevins, the runner-up. Officials then announced selection of the all-county team as follows:

Forward—Rockwell of Guernsey.
Forward—Reeves of Patmos.
Center—Moses of Blevins.
Guard—Caldwell of Columbus.
Guard—Yancy of Patmos and Nowlin of Blevins (tie).

The result of tournament play which opened Friday afternoon:

Washington 22, Fulton 20.
Patmos 39, Guernsey 20.

Columbus 34, Spring Hill 9.

Blevins 21, Washington 11.

Patmos 42, Columbus 29.

Guernsey 51, Fulton 13. (consolation game.)

Patmos 38, Blevins 28. (championship game.)

Short Docket Heard Monday By Lemley

Pat Easter and Matthew Webb pleaded guilty to charges of possessing untaxed whisky Monday before Municipal Judge W. K. Lemley. Easter was fined \$50 and Webb \$25.

Five defendants forfeited \$10 cash bonds on charges of drunkenness. They were: A. G. Phillips, Robert McClure, Sam Scott, Johnny Jamison, and J. S. Blackard.

Robert Cooper was fined \$10 on a charge of disturbing the peace.

A. R. Johnson entered a plea of guilty to drunkenness and was fined \$10.

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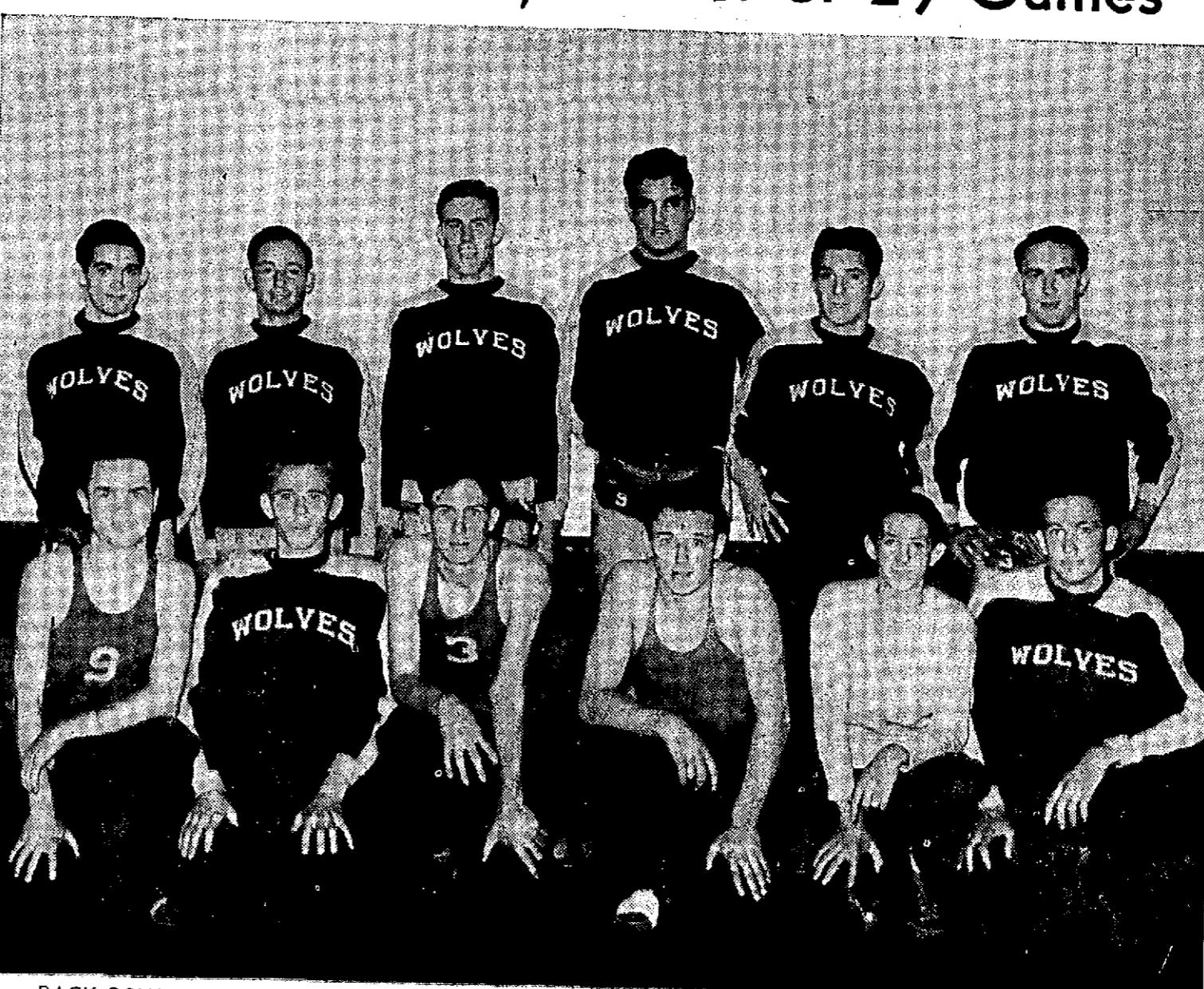
Answers on Page Two.

Hope Bobcats, 1940 Champions of State Conference, Meet Prescott Monday Night



BACK ROW, left to right—Elmer Purtle, forward; Norman Green, forward and captain; J. D. Jones, center; Joe Eason, guard.
FRONT ROW, left to right—Charles Ray Baker, guard; and Dub Oliver, Kendall Smith, and Jimmy Simms, substitutes.

Hope's Bobcats, who last week clinched the championship of the Arkansas High School Conference with a seasonal record of 10 victories against 2 defeats, will meet the strong Prescott High School Wolves at the Hope gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock Monday night.



BACK ROW, left to right—Smith, O. Kelly, Orren, R. Baker, Stainton, Halsell.
FRONT ROW, left to right—Wallace, H. Willis, Eley, Edoms, J. Baker, J. Kelly.

Coached by O. H. Storey, Jr., this is Prescott High School's basketball team which has won 29 games this season.

60 Millions Is Approved; to Take If Off Next Year

SURPLUS FEARED
Need Action to Bolster U. S. Agricultural Program

WASHINGTON—(P)—The house appropriations committee granted approval for \$60,000,000 in farm benefit payments Monday in keeping with \$90,069,139 deficiency supply bill.

At the same time the committee cut presidential estimates for the measure by \$4,020,704, bringing the total of congressional cuts off President Roosevelt's requests to \$274,000,000 at this session.

In asking \$60,000,000 now Secretary Wallace proposed that next year's fund for farm benefits be reduced by the same amount.

Secretary Wallace told the senate appropriations committee Monday that failure to vote farm parity funds "or their equivalent" might seriously hamper crop control programs and create near price-depressing surpluses.

Giving his advice, he joined a group of senators who want to vote \$200,000,000 for parity payments. The economy forces are battling the farm block which may win Republican backing.

Cook Denied Plea to Erase Record

Supreme Court Lets Grand Jury Record Stand

LITTLE ROCK—(P)—The Arkansas Supreme Court refused Monday to order expunged from the Pulaski circuit court records the report of a county grand jury criticizing the conduct of the county judges' office in 1935-36 by R. A. Cook, defeated by Carl E. Bailey for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1938.

The tribunal said Cook himself requested the grand jury investigation of his administration after accusations of misconduct had been made, and "we think the petitioner's act in requesting the investigation responsible for the result," the court said.

General Pershing Opposed '18 Truce

Letter Shows That He Distrusted German Leaders

WASHINGTON—(P)—Gen. John J. Pershing opposed the 1918 armistice with Germany and wanted the Allies to push on to "complete victory" and "unconditional surrender" of the Germans.

This was disclosed when the State Department published the second volume of the papers of Robert Lansing, secretary of state during the World War. The volume also reveals that a year earlier Lansing had expressed to President Wilson a distrust of peace proposals by Pope Benedict XV, because he suspected that the pope had become the unwitting "agent of Germany."

Pershing's attitude toward the armistice is set forth in a letter from Col. Edward M. House to President Wilson enclosing recommendations made by the American general to the Allied Supreme War Council October 30, 1918, when overtures were being received from the Central powers for an armistice.

The commander-in-chief of the American forces contended that:

The Allies were gradually increasing in strength through American assistance and the Germans were weakening;

Morale was high on the Allied side, low on the other;

Welles Received by Italian Officials

Given Big Welcome On His Arrival in Rome

WELLES — Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius was welcomed with enthusiastic courtesy by the Italian government Sunday night as the famous railway coach rolled into the official decked Rome station first stop of his fact-finding tour of European capitals as President Roosevelt's personal emissary.

A spontaneous burst of applause went up from the crowd at the station when Welles appeared. Nothing in the public estimation of the Italian dignitaries who greeted him indicated whether they shared the public's undesignated hope that his coming marked the beginning of a serious new peace effort.

Welles himself, who had disembarked from the Italian liner Rex earlier in the day, was dignified and reserved, and advised reporters not to expect any statement from him during his trip, which will take him to Berlin, Paris and London.

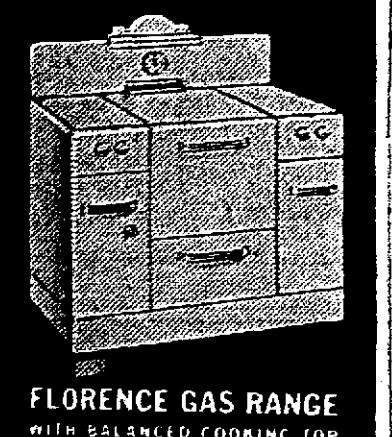
Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal emissary to the Vatican, who disembarked at Naples with Welles and arrived in Rome an hour later by automobile, also was un-

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Patmos Wins Championship for Senior Boys Basketball Teams in Hempstead Co.



Gannett Foresees a G. O. P. Victory

Rochester Publisher, Candidate, Speaks at Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK — P. Frank E. Gannett, Rochester, N. Y. publisher and candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, told a gathering of leaders of his party in Arkansas Monday that he is "confident" of election should he receive the nomination.

Welles, accompanied by his wife and niece, was whisked away in a limousine to his hotel suite, to which Count Ciano already had sent flowers. At Welles' request, Italian officials abandoned half-formed plans for a banquet during the diplomat's stay in Rome.

Members of the United States embassy staff in Rome also turned out to greet the undersecretary of state. The Italian officials gave Welles the fascist salute as they welcomed him. They expressed regret when they heard the voyage had been rough and that Welles had been troubled for four or five days with a sinus ailment.

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Neither Welles nor Italian officials gave the slightest inkling of any concrete diplomatic preparations for his journey. Welles received newspaper correspondents of six or eight nations, affably, but told them they could expect little information from him.

Taylor, who deferred discussion of his plans until after he had "heard from the Vatican" was greeted at his hotel by Vatican prelates after they had waited in vain for him at the station.

He explained that he had decided to drive to Naples after a last-minute change in plans had separated him from his secretary, Harold Tittman, who came on to Rome aboard Welles' train.

Welles' task, as outlined by President Roosevelt, is to observe conditions in the four countries he is visiting and to listen to what leaders have to say, Taylor, as the president's personal envoy to the Vatican, is charged with co-ordinating with Pope Pius XII efforts in behalf of peace as well as work on problems which will arise once peace is achieved.

Welles is scheduled to see Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano and perhaps Premier Mussolini Monday, but authoritative sources succeeded they would be only courtesy calls and conferences for information would wait until the American returned from Berlin, Paris and London.

Likewise, it was planned that Taylor would present his credentials to the pope before there would be any meetings between Welles and the pontiff.

Both Welles and Taylor made a brief venture into the Italian language as their photographs were being taken.

Welles could be heard to say "Ultimo, no," and Taylor interjected "Finito, eh?" — signifying they had had enough.

Mrs. Roosevelt's efforts to locate rooms via telephone for American Youth Congress delegates turned out to be pretty successful. She will be much in demand to conduct telephone campaigns for groups sponsoring theater benefit parties.

"My Dear K295: If satisfactory to you I will meet you in front of the Blashfield painting in the foyer of the public library at 7 on Saturday evening. I will wear a white gardenia. Sincerely, Ann Smith."

SATURDAY came face to face with itself on the calendar at last. As there would be time to return to her room after 5 o'clock, Ann dressed for the great event early in the morning. The new frock was a triumph. The skirt was short and flaring, the little jacket tight and well fitting. The pancake hat was vastly becoming, the scarf and gloves edging a dashing touch.

BACK ROW, left to right—F. Mayton, T. Simmons, E. Yancy, H. Stafford, W. Drake.
FRONT ROW, left to right—M. Burns, L. Hubbard, E. Adams, B. Camp, O. Reeves.
Patmos won the county title by defeating Blevins 38 to 28 in the final round of the county tournament Saturday night at Blevins.

Girl Scout Secretary Will Visit in Hope

Miss Mary Esther Brooks of Birmingham, Alabama, will be in Hope Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Brooks is a member of the national field staff of the Dixie Region of the Girl Scouts. This region includes Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

The local Girl Scout Council Troop leaders, lieutenants, committee members and friends will have Miss Brooks as guest of honor at a luncheon at Hotel Barlow at 12:45 Tuesday. Miss Brooks will confer with the various leaders and committee members while she is here.

ATHENS, Ga. — Cecil Kelly, Georgia basketballer, is color-blind and is greatly handicapped unless one of the teams wears white uniforms.

• SERIAL STORY

\$15 A WEEK

BY LOUISE HOLMES

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YESTERDAY: Ann sees the boy across the alley writing a letter, decides he is the "Lonely" of the ad. Elated, she goes to the Centaur to complete her dress. She is thrilled with the prospect of meeting "Lonely" on Saturday.

CHAPTER V

THE following morning Ann stopped at the postoffice, and was handed a letter. She went to a desk and slit the envelope, noting that the stationery was of nice quality, that the handwriting, although a bit stilted, was masculine and honest looking.

Lonely had written, "My Dear

Miss Smith: Yours of the third inst., received and contents noted.

In reply will suggest that you name a meeting place. At said

meeting will you please wear a white flower for means of identification? I will do the same. Respectfully yours, K295."

Ann read the letter again, her excitement a little dashed. It was so lacking in the saving grace of humor, so utterly without personality. She crushed it in her bag and, more disappointed than she would admit even to herself, went on to the re-making of hats.

Ann experienced several reactionary moods that morning. The first was indignation at herself for having been a poor fool, the second an inclination to laugh at "Yours of the third inst." and the last a definite let-down of spirit. It was incredible that the little episode had meant so much in her uneventful life.

On the heels of disappointment came reason. After all, what had she expected? What, if anything, was wrong with the dignified letter? Wasn't it proof that the writer was a gentleman? Would not a flippant answer have been offensive?

"I can't do it," she sobbed furiously. "Darn it all—what's the matter with me? I'm a coward. I've put on the brakes for so long that I can't let go."

Ann took the gardenia from a glass where it had reposed since noon and pinned it to her lapel. She adjusted the smart little hat. Suddenly she was crying.

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Removing the gardenia, she

threw it on the work table. Angrily she snatched the hat from her head. "I won't go a step," she muttered fiercely. "I absolutely refuse to make a fool of myself. I'll drop the whole crazy business and forget it. For the rest of my life I'll just—just twirl my thumbs."

Her chin wobbled and her voice shook. "For fun and excitement I'll look across the alley at that young man. When I want to be really hilarious I'll go to the General and make a drink that no one will ever see." She sat down, burying her head on a bent arm. "Maybe when I'm old—I won't," she added.

Arriving at the shop, Ann turned this way and that before Mrs. Pringle's admiring eyes. Admiring eyes had followed her on the El and in the street. Her bronze hair shone, the soft curls clung lovingly to her white neck. Rich color dyed her cheeks, her mouth was poppy red. She walked and stood with the assured confidence of looking her best.

"How do you like it, Mrs. Pringle?" she asked, shining eyed. "Hm-m." Mrs. Pringle's dull eyes were slightly envious as she regarded Ann's slim hips and stylishly broad shoulders, her flat little waistline and sweetly rounded breast. "Well, I must say you did all right, Ann," she said. "You could give that Irene Temple aces and spades and still win by a length. Too bad you ain't going to a cocktail party out on the North Side."

Ann, who had not again mentioned newspaper personals to Mrs. Pringle, smiled radiantly. "I think I'll see a show tonight," she fibbed, "just to celebrate."

She busied herself with a shapeless mass of felt and the pendulum of her emotions began to swing again. As the day advanced, it swung faster and faster. By the time Mrs. Pringle hurried away shortly before closing time to do her Sunday marketing, Ann was a prickly bundle of nerves and thwarted impulses. At 6, half mad with indecision, she tremblingly smoothed cold cream on her face, removed it with a sweet smelling pad, and applied powder. Her cheeks burned hotly, the use of a lipstick would have been sacrilege.

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She busied herself with a shapeless mass of felt and the pendulum of her emotions began to swing again. As the day advanced, it swung faster and faster. By the time Mrs. Pringle hurried away shortly before closing time to do her Sunday marketing, Ann was a prickly bundle of nerves and thwarted impulses. At 6, half mad with indecision, she tremblingly smoothed cold cream on her face, removed it with a sweet smelling pad, and applied powder. Her cheeks burned hotly, the use of a lipstick would have been sacrilege.

Ann took the gardenia from a glass where it had reposed since noon and pinned it to her lapel. She adjusted the smart little hat. Suddenly she was crying.

"I can't do it," she sobbed furiously. "Darn it all—what's the